

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Application No.: 09/878,707  
Applicant(s): Patrick G. RYAN and David P. JACOBS  
For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR CREATING A DEMAND-  
DRIVEN MARKET THROUGH A NETWORK MARKET  
MAKER SYSTEM  
Confirmation No.: 3980  
Customer No.: 26116  
Docket No.: 19042/00101  
Filed: June 11, 2001  
Group Art Unit: 3623  
Examiner: Scott L. Jarrett

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.115**

This Amendment is filed preliminarily after the filing of and RCE on September 24, 2007.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 9 of this paper.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows: